which receive financial assistance from the State Governments are concerned. However, it is clear that persuation, technical advice and monetary assistance (or purchase) would be more effective in preserving private records than "any method that might bear the complexion of coercion", as the Tara Chand Committee puts it - unless and until there is proper legislation empowering the Government to take over private records of really great value. 'Supervision' may not be effective without the power to take over the records if necessary.

(21) Resolution by Thiru S. Singarajan

"Resolved that the Government of India be requested to take immediate action to introduce the promised legislation on Archives urgently".

Explanatory note:

The Government of India and State Governments were requested by the Commission in 1968 at its 39th Session, to introduce necessary legislation on the administration of archives without any further delay, in line with the recommendations of the Committee on Archival Legislation. The State Governments are awaiting the introduction of a bill on archival legislation in Parliament by the Government of India. For a long time now, the Government of India have not introduced any bill, on archival legislation, they may be requested for the early introduction of the bill on the archival legislation in Parliament.

Standing Committee's views:

In his Presidential Address at the last Session, the President had explained the reasons for the delay in enacting archival legislation on the lines recommended by the Committee on Archival Legislation. It was further stated that the Government of India proposed to issue in the first instance, a Policy Resolution covering the entire gamut of archives administration. The Policy Resolution has since been issued. A copy of it will be sent to each State Government, which can issue similar resolution or legislation. The question of enacting an archival law covering the Central and State Archives will be taken up later.

J. Publication of Records

(22) Resolution by Dr. Durgaprasad Bhattacharya

"Resolved that the Indian Historical Records Commission notes with pleasure that the complete records of the first systematic statistical survey of India conducted by Dr. Francis Buchanan (Hamilton) during 1807-14 have been procured in 14 microfilm reels by the Indian Statistical Institute at the instance of late Professor P.C. Mahalanobis from the India Office Library. The Commission is glad to learn that late Professor P.C. Mahalanobis desired to publish these records duly edited in several volumes. The Indian Historical Records Commission requests the Indian Statistical